

ALBION FIRE DISTRICT, INC.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2014

PRESENT: Commissioner Michael Allen Commissioner Michael Napolitano

Commissioner Anthony Leone Commissioner Daniel Adamski

Chief Richard Andrews Commissioner Sharon Remillard

Treasurer Raymond Neves Tax Collector David Almond

Attorney Louis DeSimone

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Michael Allen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the Minutes of the August 12, 2014 Meeting made by Commissioner Leone, seconded by Commissioner Adamski. Motion passed 5-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: There being no questions on this month' s bills, Commissioner Napolitano made a Motion to approve the bills for payment, seconded by Commissioner Remillard. Motion passed 5-0.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Collections for period 8/13/14 to 9/16/14 \$1,370.72 Collections for period 11/1/13 to 9/16/14 \$1,033,407.22. The Net Tax Levy for the 2014/2015 tax year is \$1,041,270.68. Motion to approve the Tax Collector's Report made by Commissioner Napolitano, seconded by Commissioner Adamski. Motion passed 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance of Accounts as of 8/31/2014 \$454,489.28. Register Balance \$453,562.16.

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Report was reviewed. The Treasurer advised that this morning he spoke to the appropriate person at Citizens regarding the Service Charge that is being placed on our account each month.

This person will report back to the Treasurer tomorrow morning on this matter. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Commissioner Adamski, seconded by Commissioner Napolitano. Motion passed 5-0.

CHIEF'S REPORT: During July we responded to 88 incidents, 77 in District and 11 Mutual Aid.

Total training hours for the month 120 with year-to-date hours 2354.

Chief Andrews reviewed firefighters training schedule and Apparatus Maintenance.

Motion to accept the Chief's Report made by Commissioner Leone,

seconded by Commissioner Napolitano. Motion passed 5-0.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Attorney DeSimone advised that he has nothing new to report on the Attorney General's law suits at this time but expects to have some information in October.

The Treasurer advised that Mr. Civetti has all the necessary information and he expects the Audit report to be ready any day now.

The Treasurer advised that he will contact Coastway Credit Union when he has a copy of our 2013 Audit to apply for a line of credit.

Chief Andrews advised that he has numbers from E-One on a new truck and this is being done through the Massachusetts Chiefs' Bidding Process. The price is \$870,000 and with the proposed downpayment of \$150,000, we will receive a rebate of \$18,000. The interest rate will be 3.38% fixed for twelve years.

Attorney DeSimone will prepare two Resolutions for the Annual Meeting, one for the purchase of the truck and one for the \$150,000 downpayment and use of the \$18,000 refund.

Commissioner Adamski made a Motion to place on the Annual Meeting Agenda the purchase of a new Quint truck with a purchase price of \$870,000, Motion seconded by Commissioner Remillard. Motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Leone made a Motion to authorize prepayment of \$150,000 on the truck purchase to qualify the District for a rebate of at least \$18,000, Motion seconded by Commissioner Adamski. Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Attorney DeSimone suggested that we include a Resolution authorizing the District to secure a line of credit in anticipation of taxes. Commissioner Leone made a Motion to authorize the District to secure a tax anticipation line of credit, Motion seconded by Commissioner Napolitano. Motion passed 5-0.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Correspondence: Chairman Allen advised that he received correspondence from the President of the Firefighters' Union indicating that they were ready to commence contract negotiations. Chief Andrews received a letter of thanks from Rev. Thomas Ferland of St. Ambrose Church thanking the Department for our support

during his recent installation as Pastor and for the Department's help with their celebration of the Feast of St. James at St. Ambrose Church.

Public Comment: Mr. Thomas Santianello of 16 Spring Green Road presented questions regarding the cost of health insurance for the Firefighters and their contribution. Chief Andrews responded to his questions.

Motion to amend the Agenda to delete the subject of personnel matter from the Executive Session Agenda and add under RIGL 42-46-5 (2) Collective Bargaining made by Commissioner Napolitano, seconded by Commissioner Adamski. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion to enter into Executive Session under RIGL 42-46-5(a) 2 for discussion of Attorney General's lawsuits and Collective Bargaining issue made by Commissioner Napolitano, seconded by Commissioner Leone. Motion passed 5-0.

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Open Session adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Motion to reopen the Open Session made by Commissioner Remillard, seconded by Commissioner Napolitano at 8:10 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

No votes were taken during Executive Session except to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of August 12, 2014. Motion to seal the Minutes of the Executive Session made by Commissioner Leone, seconded by Commissioner Napolitano. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Remillard, seconded by Commissioner Leone. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11p.m.

**Lois E. Moore
District Clerk**